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AMENDMENT

This Amendment is submitted in response to a non-final office action in the above case dated April 25, 2006 ("Third Office Action"), in which the Examiner rejected all the claims as obvious (35 U.S.C. §103) by over cited art. On April 24, 2007, the attorney for Applicants and the Examiner held a phone interview discussing the rejection. During the interview, the attorney discussed amendments and arguments of patentability, which Applicants have made herein. The Examiner said he would consider these amendments and arguments. Applicants further added claims 24-29. Applicants submit that all pending claims 1-29 are in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10.